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1. LOCAL PRESS REPORTS THAT DR. GUSTAVO MALEK RESUMED HIS DUTIES IN MONTEVIDEO AUGUST 18 AS REGIONAL DIRECTOR UNESCO OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. MALEK HAD BEEN ACCUSED SOME DAYS AGO OF BEING INVOLVED IN SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH IN BAHIA BLANCA, ARGENTINA.

2. IN INTERVIEWS WITH REPORTERS, MALEK SAID THAT A FEDERAL JUDGE IN BAHIA BLANCA CONDUCTED A HEARING INTO THE CHARGES, AND AS A RESULT HE (MALEK) HAS BEEN CLEARED AND ISSUED A WRITTEN DOCUMENT TO THAT EFFECT. MALEK SAID THAT HE HAD GONE TO ARGENTINA BECAUSE HE HAD FUNDAMENTAL CONFIDENCE IN THE JUSTICE OF HIS COUNTRY. HE ADDED THAT HE WAS UNAWARE OF THE REASONS WHICH CAUSED THE CHARGES IN THE FIRST PLACE BUT THOUGHT THAT THERE WAS A GREAT DEAL OF CONFUSION IN WHICH PERSONS, WHO HAD DONE NOTHING WRONG, WERE CONFUSED WITH

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OTHERS WHO HAD COMMITTED CRIMES AND WERE NOW OUTSIDE OF

ARGENTINA.

3. DR MALEK COMPLIMENTED THE URUGUAYAN NEWS MEDIA FOR HANDLING
THE CASE WITH OBJECTIVITY AND DECORUM AND SAID THAT THE
URUGUAYAN AUTHORITIES GAVE HIM MAXIMUM SUPPORT.
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